

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shamim M. Malik	Examiner: Melanie Ruano Tyson
Serial No.: 09/997,449	Art Unit: 3773
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Customer No.: 45159	Attorney Docket No.: 050623.00134
Title: An Implantable Device Surface Modified by Carbon Implantation and a Method of Making the Same (as amended)	

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner permit the entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to amend the specification and the claims. This amendment is being filed concurrent with payment of the issue fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 5.